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1. [redacted] the following coal stocks, expressed in daily requirements, were available to the GDR railroads between 13 and 22 September 1954:

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Railroad District	Date in September 13	14	15	16	17	18/19	20	21	22
Berlin	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.2
Greifswald	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.7
Schwerin	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.9
Magdeburg	6.0	6.0	6.9	[redacted]					
Halle	3.9	3.8	3.6	[redacted]					
Erfurt	3.2	3.1	3.0	[redacted]					
Dresden	4.6	5.5	5.6	[redacted]			4.8	4.5	4.2
Cottbus	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4
Average	5.4	5.4	5.1	[redacted]		4.9	5.3	5.0	4.9

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2. [redacted] the following coal shipments, expressed in tons, were available to the GDR railroads between 13 and 22 September:

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Date in September	Coal for Locomotives: Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Shop Coal (in Terms of Briquette Units)
13	37,400	45,200	26,100
14	37,500	45,600	26,200
15	35,200	44,600	24,300
16	37,800	44,300	25,300
17	37,400	42,500	26,100
18/19	38,600	41,100	27,400

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Date in September	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Shop Coal
20	38,800	41,000	27,100
21	37,800	41,100	27,400
22	36,600	41,400	27,200

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3. Between 18 and 21 September, the following railroad coal stocks, expressed in daily requirements, were available:

Date in September	Daily Requirements	
18	4.7	)
19/20	5.0	) 1
21	5.0	)

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Coal stocks available on 21 September included:

Hard Coal	37,888	)
Briquettes	41,127	)
Raw Brown Coal	11,514	) 2
Coal Dust	731	)

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4. [redacted] a total of 159,336 tons of Polish coal and 25,050 tons of coke were imported into the GDR via Horka between 1 and 31 August 1954. 3

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1. [redacted] Comment. Total coal stocks decreased from 5.3 days' requirements reported for 12 September to 4.8 days' requirements available on 22 September. The coal situation of the GDR railroads is critical particularly in view of peak traffic in fall.

2. [redacted] Comment. Since 37,888 tons of hard coal represent 56,832 tons in briquette units and 11,514 tons of raw brown coal represent 4,606 tons in briquette units, total coal stocks available on 21 September amounted to 103,296 tons in briquette units. According to paragraph 1 of the present report, the daily coal consumption quota was 20,659 tons in briquette units during the reported period, an 1,700-ton increase over the last reported period. [redacted] Comment 2. The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks continued to be slightly more than 50 percent.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] coal shipments from Poland directed via Horka, a total of 199,389 tons of hard coal and 34,198 tons of coke were imported in August 1954.

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